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SUMMARY: PM DEMIREL, ACCOMPANIED BY MUTLU MEMDERES,
CAMPAIGNED SEP. 25-28 IN MUGLA, AYDIN, DENZLI, USAK AND
AFYON PROVINCES, REPORTEDLY DRAWING FOR MOST PART CROWDS
LARGER THAN DURING 1973 CAMPAIGN AND SOME LARGER THAN
ECEVIT TWO WEEKS PREVIOUSLY. MAIN THEMES WERE JP TRUE
INHERITOR OF DP TRADITION; JP MORE EFFECTIVE ON BREAD
AND BUTTER ISSUES THAN RPP; JP SOUGHT POLITICAL STABILITY,

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WHEREAS RPP PARTY OF ANARCHISTS; AND JP WOULD DO MORE FOR
POPPY CULTIVATORS THAN RPP. DEPUTY PM ERBAKAN VISITED
MUGLA SEPT. 25 AND TURKES ALSO REPORTEDLY WENT TO
AFYON, WHERE HE DENOUNCED RPP AND ECEVIT AS APOLOGISTS
FOR "BANDITS AND ANARCHISTS." END SUMMARY

1. DEMIREL, ACCOMPANIED BY SON OF EXECUTED DP LEADER
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MENDERES, FLEW INTO IZMIR SEPT. 25 TO BEGIN THREE DAY

MOTORCADE THROUGH MUGLA, AYDIN, DENIZLI, USAK AND AFYON PROVINCES. HIS PARTY HELD NO MEETINGS AT IZMIR, BUT MADE BRIEF ROAD STOPS EN ROUTE TO MUGLA, WHERE HE GAVE FIRST SIGNIFICANT SPEECH; DURING AT LEAST TWO STOPS HE INVITED MUTLU MENDERES TO SPEAK IN HIS STEAD, UNDERSCORING CLAIM THAT JP IS INHERITOR OF DP TRADITION (AND BIDDING FOR DP VOTES).

A. ACCORDING LEFTIST DEMOKRAT IZMIR, DEMIREL'S TEN MINUTE STOP IN SOKE DREW CROWD OF 1,000 BUT INTERRUPTED SEVERAL TIMES BY BOOING AND CRIES OF "THIEF DEMIREL."

B. MUGLA SPEECH, ACCORDING TO AN RPP SOURCE, ATTENDED BY SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER CROWD THAN ECEVIT TWO WEEKS EARLIER (REF C), FEATURED COMMODITY BY COMMODITY COMPARISON OF JP ACTIONS IN FAVOR OF PRODUCERS AND

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CONSUMERS WITH THOSE OF RPP, WHICH DEMIREL THROUGHOUT AEGEAN TRIP CHARGED WITH CAUSING HIGH PRICES, ESPECIALLY FERTILIZERS AND SUGAR, AND PROTECTING "LEFTIST ANARCHISTS."

C. NSP PRESIDENT ERBAKAN, WHO FLEW TO IZMIR SAME COMMERCIAL FLIGHT AS DEMIREL, WENT ON TO MUGLA IN A MUCH SMALLER CAVALCADE. SPEAKING AT POORLY ATTENDED RALLY SEPARATE FROM DEMIREL'S MEETING, HE DREW REPEATED BOOING WHEN HE REVERTED TO HIS THEME OF COLORLESS NATURE OF JP. WE ASSUME ERBAKAN TRIP WAS ONLY TO ADD MUGLA TO AEGEAN PROVINCES PREVIOUSLY VISITED DURING THIS CAMPAIGN (IZMIR 219).
2. IN AYDIN DEMIREL PROMISED TO SEE TO THE TRANSFER OF THE REMAINS OF MENDERES, POLATKEN AND ZORLU TO A PLACE OF DIGNITY AND CHARACTERIZED JP AS "CONTINUATION" OF THE FORMER DEMOCRATIC PARTY. EN ROUTE TO DENIZLI HE MADE WELL-PUBLICIZED STOPOVER AT KUYNOK FOR FRIDAY PRAYERS. IN DENIZLI DEMIREL DREW LARGE, SYMPATHETIC CROWD AND CRITICIZED RPP'S FAILURE TO CURB PRICE INCREASES, ESPECIALLY FERTILIZERS. HE NOTED THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION HAD EXTENDED PRICE SUPPORT TO 80 PERCENT OF FARM CROPS, INCLUDING SILK COCOONS, AND RICE; HE ALSO BLAMED RPP FOR DROP IN WHEAT

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PRODUCTION, NECESSITATING INCREASE IN WHEAT IMPORTS. RPP RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEFTIST EXTREMISM AND ANARCHISM ALSO MENTIONED AND HE CHARACTERIZED RPP AS "POLITICAL CRIMINALS."
3. NIN USAK AND AFYON DEMIREL DESCRIBED TURKEY'S MAIN PROBLEM AS INSTABILITY. HE CALLED FOR CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND ELECTORAL LAW TO END PATTERN OF FREQUENT GOVERNMENT CHANGES AND ASKED THAT VOTES GIVE JP A MAJORITY TO

ENABLE THESE AMENDMENTS.

4. IN AFYON DEMIREL ALSO ANNOUNCED DECREE TO EXPAND ACREAGE LIMIT FOR INDIVIDUAL POPPY FARMERS FROM TWO DICARES TO FIVE DICARES. HE FURTHER PROMISED THAT TURKEY'S PROJECTED ALKALOID PLANT (TO PROCESS POPPY PODS) WOULD BE SITED IN AFYON MUNICIPALITY, NOT IN AFYON COUNTY AS PROPOSED BY RPP, AND WOULD BEGIN PRODUCTION IN 1976.

5. VISIT OF NAP PRESIDENT AND DEP PRIMIN TURKES TO AFYON REPORTED IN SEP. 29 HURRIYET BUT NOT MENTIONED IN ANY OTHER NEWSPAPERS.

6. IZMIR JP PRESIDENT, HALIL UNLAP, TOLD AMCONGEN LOCAL EMPLOYEE ON SEP. 29 THAT DEMIREL VISIT PROVIDED REAL BOOST FOR LOCAL JP MORALE, AND UNLAP REVISED UPWARDS

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PREDICTIONS FOR JP ACHIEVEMENTS IN OCT. 12 SENATE ELECTION HE HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE TO AMCONGEN POLOFF. HE HAD EARLIER FORECAST AT LEAST 1 JP SEAT OF 3 IN AFYON, POSSIBLE 1-1 SPLIT WITH RPP IN BOTH DENIZLI AND MUGLA AND TOSSUP FOR SINGLE SEAT IN USAK. HE NOW PREDICTS TWO JP SEATS IN AFYON, 1-1 SPLIT IN DENIZLI, BUT JP WIN OF BOTH SEATS IN MUGLA; USAK HE NOW REGARDS AS "DEFINITELY OURS."

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